

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, first paragraph, please amend the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS section as follows:

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The present invention will be explained in more detail below with reference to illustrative embodiments shown in the ~~drawing~~drawings. In the ~~drawing~~drawings:

Figure 1 shows, diagrammatically, a filter cartridge according to the invention, the left-hand half as a front view and the right-hand half in cross-section;

Figure 2 shows a diagrammatic longitudinal sectional view of an assembly according to the invention;

Figure 3 shows a diagrammatic cross-sectional view according to the lines III-III from Fig. 2; and

Figure 4 shows a cross-sectional view corresponding to Figure 3 of an assembly according to the state of the art; and

Figure 5 shows a diagrammatic sketch of the concept of the invention indicating several of the dimensions and variables. --